

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The foundation upon which the economic, social, and intellectual capital of South Dakota is built, is the education of our children and youth; and,

Whereas, Local school board members are committed to children, and they believe all children can learn; and,

Whereas, Locally-elected school boards play important roles in a representative democracy – decisions made by local school boards directly influence instruction in South Dakota's public schools; and,

Whereas, School boards, as educational leaders, set the direction and tone for our public schools, while focusing on student achievement; and,

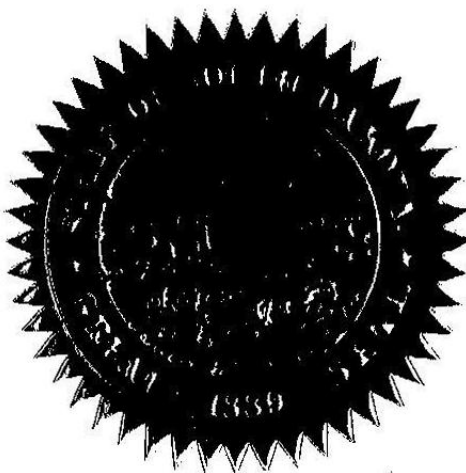
Whereas, More than 880 local school board members across South Dakota demonstrate their dedication to education through the grassroots exercise of democracy; and,

Whereas, School Board Recognition Week provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the hundreds of men and women serving on local school district leadership teams who champion the cause of public education on behalf of the schools, communities, and the state they serve:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 11-17, 2010, as

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK


in South Dakota, and encourage local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize their dedicated school board members.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State